

THE ROCK ISLAND TRACKS NOW HERE.

Monday Morning the Advent of the New St. Louis-Kansas City Extension into the City of Versailles
Marked a New Epoch in Our History.

Vast crowds of people congregated along the right of way to view the rapid work executed by the heavy track-laying machine and crew of workmen as they moved toward Versailles for several days before the outfit reached the city, hardly realizing that the entry of this trunk line into our midst meant the dawning of a new era for our city and gave us a new outlet to the commercial world which means greater advantages in the future.



ROUTE OF THE NEW ST. LOUIS-KANSAS CITY LINE.

With quiet satisfaction the people of Versailles and vicinity hail the advent of the St. Louis-Kansas City extension of the great Rock Island System, which crossed the tracks of the Missouri Pacific near North Monroe street about 10 o'clock last Monday morning.

But few of the vast crowds who witnessed the rapid work of the big steam track-laying apparatus, realized that with this crossing completed the town had reached the epoch of a new era, and our city may now be termed the new Versailles.

The rapidity with which the construction is being done is marvellous, indeed. Ties are dumped into position and the huge crane manipulating the heavy steel goes ahead like clockwork, making a 30-foot span in less than a minute's time. Following this came the large gang of trackmen, who spiked the rails and leveled up the tracks, while later came the ballasting crew who are preparing the roadway for general traffic.

The men who have the work of construction in hand figured very nicely on the supplies necessary to finish the tracks from Eldon to Versailles, there being just sufficient steel to carry the work through town, stopping about 300 yards beyond Newton street crossing, and the work westward will not be resumed until new supplies are shipped in. Everything in connection with the finishing up of the new road is substantial and now Morgan county can boast of a direct outlet to St. Louis.

BIG CLAY PLANT.

The First Move Toward the New Industrial Era of Versailles
Is a \$50,000 Enterprise.

The new Rock Island's advent into Versailles is not the only glad tidings in store for our people. On the heels of this fact came the interesting news that we have a big clay plant, all the legal documents to that end having been signed up and the land secured for the big industrial institution in the city of Versailles. This is no dream, nor is it based on "hot air," either, but a reality vouched for and assured.

Our hustling fellow-townsmen, E. A. Croxson, with F. D. Harrison his able assistant in the matter, have succeeded in landing the much talked of clay and brick enterprise which has been hanging fire for several months. Mr. Croxson has been in Kansas City for several days for the purpose of nailing the deal, which hinged upon the tests made of the clays so abundant in this vicinity in the manufacture of high grade brick.

H. B. Harmon of Kansas City, who is the main spirit in the establishment of the brick plant here, made the tests and found that the quality of our clays for the purposes named were invincible, hence negotiations were closed for the Meredith Bowlin tract of land adjoining Westlawn southwest of town, containing 165 acres, and the buildings, ovens, etc., will be built so that the institution can be in operation early next spring. The machinery and kilns alone in the brick plant will require an outlay of \$50,000, to say nothing of the brick buildings.

The machinery will be of the most modern invention, being automatic machines for pressed brick for build-

ing purposes, dry presses, clay mixers, molding machines, crushers, and every equipment to manufacture brick for street purposes, fancy vitrified brick and the famous hollow brick.

The name of the institution is to be the Kansas City and Kansas Clay Plant, the company having been formed with plenty of capital to insure one of the best enterprises in the country. They will be prepared to compete with any corporation east, west, north or south, and place upon the market the higher grades of fire, paving and building brick because of the excessive quality of the clays found in Morgan county.

The capacity of the plant to be opened here will turn out from 25,000 to 150,000 brick per day, which fact will give our readers some idea of its magnitude as a manufacturing institution. This being the first move toward lifting Versailles upward in the scale as a manufacturing center, we may rest assured that more will follow, and everything considered, a bright future is before our little city. With its electric light plant assured, the clay plant clinched and the new trunk line already completed through the town, there should be a general feeling of happiness existing among our citizens.

The crew putting up telegraph poles are now near town, while another crew follows called the fencing and cattle guards gang, which practically completes the road for traffic.

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The Best line of Ladies' and Children's Jackets and Wraps and Skirts, Underwear and Hosiery at Carl W. Biersach's.

Manager Wanted.

Trustworthy lady or gentleman to manage business in this county and adjoining territory for well and favorably known House of solid financial standing. \$29 straight cash salary and expenses, paid each Monday by check direct from headquarters. Expense money advanced; position permanent. Address Manager, 619 Monon Bldg. Chicago, Ill.

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CARL W. BIRSACH.



The Coach turned Over.

The Branch train on the Missouri Pacific, with Milt Stahl as engineer, had a wreck at Tipton last Saturday morning, which, in accordance with the details, gave the passengers a scare that they will not forget soon, and it was indeed lucky that no actual fatalities occurred.

The train left Versailles with more than the usual number of passengers, as the Stutz Dramatic Company, which had performed here Friday night, was on board, while Misses Fannie, daughter of T. E. Stephens and Mattie, daughter of Joe F. Stephens, of Boneston, who had been visiting the family of W. L. Stephens in this city, were also passengers.

The train had reached the yards in Tipton and in backing up to attach other cars, in some unknown manner the switch opened allowing the rear trucks of the coach to take one track and the front trucks another. This turned the coach over and caused a panic among the passengers, all of whom had to crawl out as best they could from the wrecked car, which was considerably damaged.

Both the Stephens girls were slightly injured, Miss Fannie receiving a cut on her face and being otherwise bruised. Mrs. Joseph Milburn of Glensted was slightly cut about the face and otherwise bruised, and one member of the theatrical company was injured, but none were seriously hurt. Excitement reigned supreme for a time and the exit from the overturned coach was hasty indeed, and it is miraculous that they all escaped with their lives.

"Life's fitful fever is now over," sadly remarks the Crossroads Commentor, "and the Arkansas negro who kicked a mule on the shins is sleeping beneath a mound of green."

Will Cross the Breeds.

Major George H. McCann of Springfield has bought of James Cleary of Norborne, Carroll county, thirty-three head of Galloway heifers, one and two years old, which he intends to cross with the buffalo in the Taney county game preserve. The cattle will be taken to the park the last of this week and the buffalo are to be secured from a Colorado ranch by Senator Jones of Arkansas. The buffalo and the domestic cow cross readily and the hybrid is a hardy animal with a finer skin and coat of hair than the full-blooded bison ever wore, Major McCann says. The Taney county game preserve contains about 10,000 acres of land, well adapted to the business Major McCann has in prospect. The hybrid resulting from the crossing of the buffalo and the common cow has the wild nature of its long-haired parent and can live in this altitude almost without winter feeding.

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A child of Mrs. Geo. T. Benson, when getting his usual Saturday night bath, stepped back against a hot stove which burned him severely. The child was in great agony and his mother could do nothing to pacify him. Remembering that she had a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm in the house, she thought she would try it. In less than half an hour after applying it the child was quiet and asleep, and in less than two weeks was well. Mrs. Benson is a well known resident of Kellar, Va. Pain Balm is an antiseptic liniment and especially valuable for burns, cuts, bruises and sprains. For sale by Witten Drug Co.

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For sick headache try Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets; they will ward off the attack if taken in time. For sale by Witten Drug Co.

A Henry county negro preacher who woke up one morning and found a strange cow in his barnyard thought the Lord had sent it to him and welcomed it joyously. The next day he was arrested for cattle stealing.

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